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a heat treated adhesive layer on the metal wire, the adhesive layer having adhesion to elastomeric material; and

a elastomeric extrusion around an outer periphery of the shrinkage control material, the elastomeric extrusion being bonded by vulcanization to the shrinkage control material, wherein the adhesive layer comprises a chlorinated rubber and a chlorosulfonated polyethylene rubber, the adhesive layer is from 5 μm to 25 μm thick, and wherein the elastomeric extrusion comprises an ethylene-propylene-diene ternary copolymer.

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18. (Amended) The shrinkage control material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thickness of the adhesive layer is from 12 to 22 μm .

Please cancel Claims 3 and 8-17.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

The amendments to independent Claims 1 and 6 add the limitations of Claims 9/11/14 (Claim 1) and Claims 12/13/15 (Claim 6). As these dependent claims have been previously considered, this amendment adds no new matter and raises no new issues such that the amendment should be entered.

REMARKS

By the above amendment the case has been focused on the embodimentss of the dependent claims by adding the limitations of dependent claims to the independent claims. In this regard the several anticipation rejections are no longer applicable, as they did not apply against, e.g., any of Claims 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15. In addition, because Claims 13 and 14 have been incorporated into the two independent claims, the obviousness rejection over Takahashi alone is no longer applicable.